

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. Portable terminal equipment that has input means
2 inputting a character and display means and has functions of
3 creating, displaying and sending/receiving e-mail, comprising:
4 preview control means that previews a character string
5 by replacing each character in the character string with one
6 or a plurality of dots.

1 2. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 1,
2 wherein said preview control means previews said character string
3 in a predetermined format.

1 3. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 2,
2 wherein said e-mail is displayed in the format on terminal
3 equipment to which said e-mail is sent.

1 4. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 1,
2 wherein said plurality of dots are formed in a cluster.

1 5. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 1,
2 further comprising first setting means setting the number of
3 characters per line; and
4 wherein said preview control means previews said character
5 string according to setting set by said first setting means.

1 6. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 1,

2 further comprising insertion means inserting, when the character
3 inputted by said input means exceeds a predetermined number of
4 characters, a carriage return and line feed code before the
5 character exceeding the predetermined number of characters; and
6 wherein said preview control means previews said character
7 string inputted by said input means according to said carriage
8 return and line feed code.

1 7. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 6,
2 further comprising second setting means setting said
3 predetermined number of characters.

1 8. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 1,
2 further comprising display processing means displaying a
3 predetermined part of said previewed e-mail in the original
4 character form.

1 9. The portable terminal equipment according to claim 8,
2 wherein said predetermined part is a part including the left
3 end of said previewed e-mail.

1 10. Portable terminal equipment that has input means
2 inputting a character and display means and has functions of
3 creating, displaying and sending/receiving e-mail, comprising:
4 display processing means that displays characters of a
5 predetermined part of said e-mail displayed on terminal equipment
6 to which said e-mail is sent.

1 11. The portable terminal equipment according to claim
2 10, wherein said predetermined part includes the beginning part
3 of a line of said e-mail displayed on said terminal equipment.

1 12. A method for previewing e-mail in portable terminal
2 equipment, comprising the steps of:

3 replacing each character in a character string of said
4 inputted e-mail with one or a plurality of dots; and

5 previewing said character string in which said each
6 character is replaced with the dot or dots.

1 13. The method for previewing e-mail according to claim
2 12, further comprising a step of selecting a preview function.

1 14. The method for previewing e-mail according to claim
2 12, wherein said step of replacing each character in said
3 character string with a dot or dots replaces said each character
4 of said character string in a predetermined format with a dot
5 or dots.

1 15. The method for previewing e-mail according to claim
2 14, wherein said e-mail is displayed in the format on terminal
3 equipment to which said e-mail is sent.

1 16. The method for previewing e-mail according to claim
2 12, wherein said plurality of dots are formed in a cluster.

1 17. The method for previewing e-mail according to claim
2 12, wherein said each character in said character string is
3 replaced with a dot or dots by starting a new line according
4 to a predetermined number of characters per line.

1 18. The method for previewing e-mail according to claim
2 12, wherein when the character string of said inputted e-mail
3 exceeds a predetermined number of characters, a carriage return
4 and line feed code is inserted before a character exceeding the
5 number of characters and said each character in said character
6 string is replaced with a dot or dots according to the carriage
7 return and line feed code.